



## **Extended Project Qualification**

### **What is it?**

The Extended Project Qualification is a large independent research project. It is accredited by Edexcel and can be worth up to 70 additional UCAS points (for an A\*). The topic of your project is entirely up to you. You can choose to study something that interests you but has no connection with your A-Level courses, or you can choose a topic that is aligned with what you are learning in your A-Level studies. Please note that you need to be careful that if your topic is aligned to your current studies, it cannot be a copy of a piece of course work that you have done for one of your subjects.

### **Why is it worth doing?**

The Extended Project Qualification will help you develop skills that are useful for the future. Whether you're thinking of going to University, undertaking an apprenticeship or entering the world of work, the independent research, project management and communication skills that you will develop whilst you're doing your project will be invaluable. Universities and prospective employers view students who have done an EPQ qualification favourably, as getting a good EPQ grade shows that you are able to create good quality work independently.

Examples of previous project titles include:

- Do violent computer games contribute to anti-social behaviour?
- What are the ethical issues in trade relations between the West and China?
- How can sports fitness improve through football? • What are the ethical issues around 'size zero' models?
- How can live performance engage an audience in the current technological age? What role does comedy have in serious culture?
- Illustration: Make illustrations for either a poem or a children's story of your choice.
- Recycled: Design and make a collection of sophisticated jewellery or body adornment from unconventional recycled materials.

Any questions or if you'd like to discuss EPQ further, please contact Mrs Elsley in the first instance. You can do this through Teams or by emailing:

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### **Useful links:**

About the qualification:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-project-qualification/level-3.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FTeaching-and-learning-materials>



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Links to Subjects:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/project/links/Pages/default.aspx>

Links to Exemplar Work:

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